#### 103D CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H. R. 67

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that a veteran who is a former prisoner of war and who was detained or interned for not less than 90 days shall be deemed to have a service-connected disability rated at not less than 50 percent for the purposes of determining benefits due to such veteran.

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**JANUARY 5, 1993** 

Mr. Bilirakis introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

## A BILL

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  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

### 1 SECTION 1. DISABILITY RATING FOR CERTAIN FORMER

- 2 **PRISONERS OF WAR.**
- 3 (a) RATING OF DISABILITY.—Chapter 11 of title 38,
- 4 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section
- 5 1116 the following new section:

### 6 "§ 1117. Disability rating for certain former prisoners

- 7 of war
- 8 "A veteran who is a former prisoner of war and who
- 9 was detained or interned for not less than 90 days as a
- 10 prisoner of war shall be deemed to have a service-con-
- 11 nected disability rated at not less than 50 percent for the
- 12 purpose of determining the benefits due such veteran
- 13 under laws administered by the Secretary.".
- 14 (b) Table of Sections.—The table of sections at
- 15 the beginning of chapter 11 of title 38, United States
- 16 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
- 17 section 1116 the following new item:

"1117. Disability rating for certain former prisoners of war.".

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